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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
CARTER, General	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Groups Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

As reflected in the minutes of the SGA's meeting of 14 Sept. 1962, General CARTER stated that "CIA would examine the possibilities of sabotaging [airplane] parts which were scheduled to be shipped [from Canada] to Cuba."

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Minutes of meeting of SGA on Operation Mongoose (00048)	PGW
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Carter ✓	16 Oct 1962	Mongoose Special Group (Augmented)

OCCURRENCE:

DCI Carter proposes that CIA undertake as soon as possible a grenade attack on the [REDACTED] Communist Embassy in Havana, to be carried out by recruited agent who has access to a roof overlooking the [REDACTED] Embassy garden and has volunteered for this mission.

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<u>SOURCE:</u>	<u>STAFF:</u>
Memorandum from Marshall Carter to Special Group (Augmented), date: Oct 1962 (00725)	PCW DATE: 6/29

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
McCONE CASTRO ✓		MONGOOSE SGA

OCCURRENCE:

McCONE TESTIFIED that the SGA approved a program to contaminate with Carbon dust cylinders in trucks and locomotives which CASTRO has purchased ~~from Ralope~~. This was to be done at the ~~line of equipment~~. The program met with some success. McCONE could not recall where the actual sabotage of the purchased equipment took place (22-2).

SOURCE: McCone, Testimony, 6/6/75	STAFF: Rhea
FILE: 6/27/75	DATE: 6/27/75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES: (See list of names below.)	DATES: Apr 17, 61 -	CATEGORIES: CASTRO GUEVARA - SYNDICATE/PHASE II -- KNOWLEDGE OF PHASE II	
		CARD 1 of 3	<p><u>OCCURRENCE:</u> The list of persons with knowledge of PHASE II of the CASTRO ASSASSINATION OPERATION differs from those who knew of PHASE I. Those with knowledge of PHASE II are:</p> <p>1. RICHARD HEIMS, DD/P 2. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, Task Force W 3. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security (He knows that Harvey took over the operation and delivered pills, arms, and equipment in April 1962. He does not know of developments after May 1962.) 4. SHIFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security (He knows of the fact of the turnover to HARVEY, but states he knows nothing of developments thereafter.)</p> <p>5. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He stated in our interview with him that he knew that HARVEY was having meetings with members of the rambling syndicate in 1962.) 6. BRUCE CHEEVER, HARVEY's deputy in 1962 (CHEEVER knows that HARVEY was meeting with gangsters in Reno (sic) in the winter of 1962.) 7. TED SHACKLEY, Chief, JMWAVE (He assisted HARVEY in the delivery of arms and equipment to VARONA in April 1962, but presumably did not know the identities of the recipients nor (con't.)</p> <p><u>SOURCE:</u> I.G. REPORT 1067-55 - 56 <u>FILE:</u> 28.6.75</p> <p><b>TOP SECRET</b></p>

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(Same instruction as card 1.)	Apr 17 '61	CARD 2 of 3
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u>	<p>SHACKLEY, cont: the purpose for which the material was to be used.)</p> <p>8. <del>RAYMOND FISCHER</del> TSD (<del>RAYMOND FISCHER</del>'s participation was limited to furnishing the pills to O'CONNELL on 18 April 1962.)</p> <p>9. ANTONIO VARONA, the Cuban exile leader (He presumably was not aware of government sponsorship.)</p> <p>10. VARONA'S SON-IN-LAW (He too was presumably not aware of government's role.)</p>	
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
Walt ELDER, RFK, GENERAL LANSDALE, MCGEORGE BUNDY, BRUCE CHEEVER (CIA), ✓	9/14/62	MONGOOSE Special Group Augmented

OCCURRENCE:

Possibility of sabotage of [redacted] spare parts allegedly ready for shipment to Cuba  
[redacted] is being looked into--Chief, Task Force W says this activity is underway.

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SOURCE:	STAFF:
Memorandum for the record on MONGOOSE meeting, 14 Sept 1962- Walt Elder	PGW
FILE: Cage 00049	DATE: June 30, 1975

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Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Gen Lansdale Gilpatrick Don Wilson <i>Chavez</i>	Oct 31, 1962	MONGOOSE SCA CUBA

OCCURRENCE:  
As for psychological operations, all CIA assets ~~including Lawrence~~  
~~(Kieyes)~~ had been turned over to USIA for operational use.

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<u>SOURCE:</u> Oct 31, 1962 memo for the record by Gen Lansdale (00744)	<u>STAFF:</u> Wallach
	<u>DATE:</u> July 3, 1975
	<u>FILE:</u>

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PERSONS/ENTITIES	DATE(S)	CATEGORIES:
<u>KIRKPATRICK</u>	<u>11/14/62</u>	
DIP		
Mr. Halpern	Nov. 21, 1962	Special Group Augmented
<u>CHIEVER</u>		Operation Mongoose
Walter Elder		Cuba
DCI	<u>10/30/62</u>	

OCCURRENCE: With regard to paragraph 2 of Lansdale's memorandum to SGA dated 14 Nov. 1962 Harvey states: "The statement that Operation Mongoose had had no information on this operation since early October was patently false. Specific references made to the penultimate paragraph and Lansdale's memorandum concerning a report for the CIA which he used as a basis for memorandum dated 31 Oct. 1962 to Oswald Kirkpatrick. This refers to a telephonic conversation on the evening of 30 Oct. 1962 between Lansdale and Cheever which is referred specifically in paragraph 2 on pages 7 and 8 of my reference memorandum. I have discussed this matter in detail with Cheever and clearly recollects that his conversation with Lansdale on that date took place as reflected in my reference memorandum. During this conversation there was no discussion of previous operations, except a brief discussion of the COBRA and ANTONIO teams and Lansdale did not ask, according to Cheever's recollection, any specific questions concerning assets inside or prior operations which SOURCE: would logically have led to the discussions at the time STAFF: of the Matahambre operation."

SOURCE: Memorandum dated Nov. 21, 1962 (01151) of the Matahambre operation.

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DATE: July 1, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATES:	CATEGORIES:
<u>KIRKPATRICK</u> DDP	<u>11/14/62</u>	
<u>William Harvey</u> Gen. Lansdale CHIEVER	<u>Nov. 21, 1962</u>	Special Group Augmented Operation Mongoose
<u>Walter Elder</u> DCI	<u>10/30/62</u>	Cuba
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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

McCONE, HARVEY, Ruz

*de Cunha, Virginia*

DATES:

July 10, 1962  
June, 11, 1962  
July 1, 1962  
May, 1062

CATEGORIES:

MONGOOSE

OCCURRENCE: Efforts were made to establish contact with Juana Castro Ruz, half sister of Fidel and Raul Castro Ruz, because she opposed the strong Communist nature of the Cuban regime. According to Mrs. Virginia Leitao de Cunha, she contacted Ruz and obtained Ruz agreement to provide intelligence on the Cuban political leadership and to work against the Cuban Communist regime, "short of engaging in activity which might result in direct personal harm to her brothers Raul and Fidel." Arrangements were being made for direct recruitment of Ruz in Mexico.

SOURCE:

Memorandum for McCone from William Harvey re:  
Juana Castro Ruz, 10 July 1962 (02561)

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
	Oct. 6, 1960	Special Group MONGOOSE Presidential Authorization End 3 of 3
<u>OCCURRENCE:</u> (cont.) including some [German] in this group and that we would talk informally to [General] [General] about it. He emphasized that he was asking for no Special Group approval at this time in this specific connection."		

SOURCE:

Minutes of Special Group meeting October 6, 1960

STAFF:

DATE: Bob Kelley  
June 29, 1975

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:

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DATES:  
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CATEGORIES: TOP SECRET (Card 1)

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or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

1. ALLEN DULLES, DCI
2. GEN. C. P. CABELL, DDCI
3. RICHARD BISSELL, DD/P
4. SHEFFIELD EDWARDS, D/Security
5. JAMES O'CONNELL, Office of Security, the case officer
6. J. D. ESTERLINE, Chief, WH/4
7. CORNELIUS ROOSEVELT, Chief, TSD
8. RAY TRECHLER, Chemical Division, TSD
9. EDWARD GUNN, Chief, Operations Division, Medical Services

The I.G. REPORT identified the following persons who knew, in late 1960 or early 1961, of the PHASE I plan to assassinate CASTRO:

10. WILLIAM HARVEY, Chief, FI/D
11. SIDNEY GOTTLIEB, Special Assistant to the DD/P (GOTTLIEB's name was encountered repeatedly in this inquiry, but he denies knowing of the operation in 1960-61.)
12. ROBERT BANNERMAN, DD/Security
13. J. C. KING, Chief, WH Division (He too denies knowing of the operation at the time.)

SOURCE: I.G. REPORT 1967, pp. 34-35

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DATE: 28.6.75

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PERSONS/ENTITIES:	DATE:	CATEGORIES:
CARTER, MARSHALL ✓ <del>KANGCHIKAU</del> <del>WIREFLY</del>	9/20/62	SPECIAL GROUP
OCCURRENCE: Special Group meeting on 20 September [REDACTED] the proposed use of FIREFLY [REDACTED] against KANGCHIKAU [REDACTED] was disapproved. The A-DCI raised the possibility of using [REDACTED] against Cuba, but no decision was made, although the Group appeared favorably inclined.		
SOURCE: Memorandum by Carter, 9/21/62 (02637)		
FILE:	STAFF: WALLACH	DATE: 7/2/75

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<u>PERSONS/ENTITIES:</u>	<u>DATES:</u>	<u>CATEGORIES:</u>
Maheu	3 or 4-61	Castro
Edwards		
Rosselli		
Giancana		

OCCURRENCE:

*Maheu*  
Breckinridge testified, Maheu on retainer to CIA "in the early days" (Tr. 99) ('50's?) and "on one occasion" he ~~obtained & female~~ ~~complaint for an incompetent foreign leader~~ (Tr. 99) Edwards contacted Maheu who contacted Roselli who contacted Giancana who contacted Traffican, who "travelled to and from Cuba," (Tr. 100) and who "had a source inside Cuba (who) ... was believed to have access to Castro and a poison pill was developed that he was to insert into Castro's food." (Tr. 101)

SOURCE:

Testimony of Wm. Colby, 5/23/75

STAFF:

John Bayly

DATE:

7/27/75